

This is for any of that generation that are looking for the Kingdome of God with their own observations, but deserves not the [signes of the coming of the Son of Man. And especially for them that meet to worship in the old Mifs-House in Aldermanbury.

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Darknesse hath covered the earth, and grosse darknesse the people, so you cannot see nor perceive his workings, that is come to overturn the proud, and confound the wise and though your eares be not bored to heare voyces, nor your eyes opened to see the signs that have been in the midst of you, but are despising and wandring of the feare, out of the dread of the living God whom we serve, and know to be angry with the wicked every way, and your offerings stink before him, and your prayers are an abomination unto him, whose sight shall come upon you in the Winter, and on the Sabaoth day: A horrible tempest is round about him, and a devouring fire is before him, who will plead with all the earth in righteousness, and will teare in peices those that forget him: are not you without the remembrance of him? Who have despised his Messengers evilly intreated, and cast in prison him who in obedience to the maker of heaven, and earth, was sent among you, as a signe unto you, of your naked, leane, starved soules, of your filthy uncleane coverings and righteousness and the dung of your some assemblys which as excrements hath an ill savour, and as a menstrus cloath, before him who is just, and will not acquit the guilty: for the woe is gone forth even against all that are covered, and not with my Spirit, but the Lord, which spirit reproves you of your sin, of your righteousness, and your judgements, which are all of the truth, false and wicked, and you not beleiving, nor obeying that which reproves you wax worse and worse, speaking evill of things you know not, calling good, evill, and evill, good, condemning Gods works justifying your own works, punishing the innocent and acquitting the guilty: is not this your state? That are in the Houses of pride, wantonnesse, covetousnesse, licentious, feasting, rioting, and sporting, and then in your vain words, in which you can doe nothing else but sin, you say it is sin and wickednesse, for any to appeare before you without cloathing, naked as they were brought into the world, but where will you prove that such have any Law of God: but you that are in the imaginations, which are vain and greive the Lord God saying that it is wickednesse to work on the first day of the week; though it be written six days shalt thou work, are not you ashamed to persecute and cast in prison, those that love the commands of God, and for the performance thereof are sufferers by your unrighteous Laws, for as ever it was so it is they that slay the holy one and the just commands of God, and are zealous for the traditions of men, O ye Sellers and Buyers of the Scriptures, are not you have judged Isaiab if he should have gone three years naked in your City, as you may read he did in the 20. the 2. and the 3. verse. And would not this generation have accounted Ezekiel, if they had lived these days as mad as the Quakers, if they had seen him bake his bread with dung, and shave his head and burn part of the hair, and throw part in the wind, as is written in the 4. chap. of Ezekiel the 12. the 15. Ezekiel the 5. 6. 3. and 4. verses. Surely the Scriptures wherein you trust doth condemne you, and will pay witness against you, and then in vain may you cry for Hills, and Mountaines to fall, and hide you in the presence of the lambe, whose coming is at hand, who is this day deviding the sheepe from the Goats, gathering his elect into the arme of his power the defence of the righteous, and will breake to peices all the wicked, which have a name to live but are dead: but the Trumpet is sounded, and the Alarm is heard, and the dead shall arise and come to judgement before the Lamb: where will you hide who hate to be reformed and professing to cover you, Christs, nor the Apostles words, will not save you: all the workers of iniquity must depart, the wicked are prepared, the Kingdome of darknesse is fitted for all that hate the light, and when you are stripped, and naked, all your glory stained, haughtynesse debased, then shall you know that it was in the long-suffering, and everlasting mercy of God, that you have been visited, and warned by dreadfull words, and signes, that you might have ceased from provoking him, that we know assuredly can deliver from all your cruell oppressing, and whether we will doe it sudiugly or no, we are not carefull: for we have his presence who makes rich in want, and gives grace and joy in all our sufferings, yea, that passes your understanding, and the assured hope of our reward, is sure, and stedfast, fixed in God whose works are wrought, in, and by them, who into his will are gathered, out of the world, which cannot work Gods righteousness: but this is a misery to you who are establishing your own righteousness, which will sudiugly, and horribly come to an end, for our salvation is nigh, and our deliverance near, in what appearance soever we are sent unto you, our testimony is true, for it is against all unrighteousnesse, in all rites, and worshipps, which God is casting downe, even he that is come to finish sin, and to put an end to transgression, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and his power, and kingdome which shall never have end, is known, among the despised Quakers, and this is from one of them that long and much followed, those whom you call your Churches, and them you call your teachers, and never left them till I saw God was departed from them: for while Joseph was in Egypt, there was some food for Jacobs seed, but he not there the seed is oppressed, for the deliverance of which the Lord is risen, and the oppressors shall be tormented, and though you give not, yet when he that will come, shall come to take vengeance on you for their wrongs, who have and doe not for the testimony of a pure conscience, you shall confesse unto him whose ways are righteous, and whose judgments are past finding out, by the disobedient, but shall be felt by the despises thereof; that loves darknesse better than light, and of this you have been warned, and now are by me that pittyes all your soules that lyes in Captivity under the bondage of Corruption.

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